

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cosmetic composition comprising:

a crosslinked silicone elastomer;

a plurality of substantially spherical particles having
a particle size distribution of about 24 microns; and

a vehicle.

~~2. The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the
substantially spherical particles are spherical.~~

~~3. The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the
particle size distribution is about 15 microns.~~

~~4. The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the
particle size distribution is about 7 microns.~~

~~5. The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the
particle size distribution is about 2 microns.~~

~~6. The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the
substantially spherical particles are uniform in diameter.~~

7. The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the particle size range is about 1 micron to about 25 microns. ✓

8. The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the particle size range is about 5 microns to about 20 microns. - 15

9. The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the particle size range is about 8 microns to about 15 microns.

10. The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the particle size range is about 8 microns to about 10 microns.

11. The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the crosslinked silicone elastomer is present in an amount from about 0.01 wt.% to about 10 wt.% of the total weight of the composition.

12. The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the substantially spherical particles are present in an amount from about 0.01 wt.% to about 10 wt.% of the total weight of the composition.

13. The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the substantially spherical particles are present in an amount

from about 0.5 wt.% to about 5 wt.% of the total weight of the composition.

14. The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the substantially spherical particles are selected from the group consisting of silica, nylon, boron nitride, teflon, polyurethane powder, silicone powder, talc, mica, serecite, and mixtures thereof

15. The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the crosslinked silicone elastomer is selected from the group consisting of: dimethicone crosspolymer; organopolysiloxane; polysilicone-11; and dimethicone/vinyl dimethicone crosspolymer; and mixtures thereof.

16. The cosmetic composition of claim 1, further comprising a secondary component selected from the group consisting of:

- (i) an estrogen synthetase stimulating compound;
- (ii) a 5 alpha-reductase activity inhibiting compound;
- (iii) an exfoliation-promoting compound;

(iv) an ultraviolet (UV) light protecting/sunscreen agent;

(v) a retinoid;

(vi) a hirsutism inhibiting agent;

(vii) a barrier function enhancing agent;

(viii) a collagen enhancing agent;

(ix) an elastase inhibitor;

(x) a skin lightening agent

(xi) an antioxidant;

(xii) a skin cooling agent;

(xiii) a phytoestrogen; and

(xiv) mixtures thereof.

17. The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the

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vehicle is selected from the group consisting of a solid,
solution, essence, serum, pencil, spray, lotion, emulsion,
cream, micro-emulsion, gel, ointment, patch, stick and tape.

18. A method of improving the aesthetic appearance of skin comprising topically applying the cosmetic composition as in claim 1.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the improvement in aesthetic appearance includes at least one of the following:

a. improving the appearance of skin texture;

b. decreasing the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles;

c. improving skin tone;

d. decreasing the appearance of pore size;

e. minimizing the appearance of skin discoloration;

f. restoring skin luster; and

g. minimizing signs of fatigue.

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20. The method of improving the aesthetic appearance
of skin comprising topically applying the cosmetic
composition as in claim 16.

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